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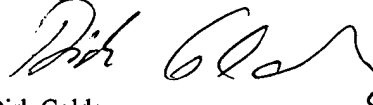
Gentle Patent Examiner,

I respectfully petition for the revival of patent application number 09/755,286 on grounds of Unintentional Delay. Attached is the required reply to the notice, as indicated in the Notice of Abandonment sent to me on 6/16/03.

I believe the unfortunate delay in the request for an abstract was likely the result of a filing error; it happened to coincide with the pending birth of my second son, a time of considerable chaos and upheaval in the Coldewey household. I am an independent inventor, with this being my first patent application (actually submitted concurrently with a related application). I mention this not as an excuse, but as an explanation – certainly responding to a request for an abstract is a simple, almost trivial task that could easily have been performed.

I beg your forbearance in this matter, and hope for a favorable response to my petition. If granted, I pledge to consult a patent attorney going forward in an effort to avoid further delays.

Humbly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dirk Coldewey", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dirk Coldewey